

Message from the Head Teacher:

We finished our Spring term on a real high with, as you may remember, Jackson Barber one of our Year 11 students raising money for cancer research by braving the shave. He raised in excess of £2,300. It was a huge achievement, of which we are immensely proud.

It seems that we have started our Summer Term on another huge high. A group of our Y7 girls came 3rd in the county at an indoor athletics event on Tuesday 25th April. They were only 6 points of coming 1st! This is an amazing achievement and they were a credit to the school.

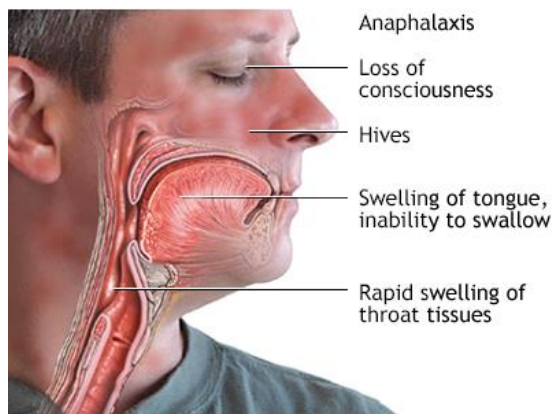
A massive well done to: Musa Chikowore, Jade Ebanks, Nevaeh Johnson, Skye Wilson, Annabelle Pugh, Ruby Meakin, Amber Powell and Lillie Simpson.



Nut Allergies

On a more serious note, please can we remind all parents and carers that the Academy is nut free. Since returning from the Easter Break it has been seen that in a lot of the children's packed lunches there have been items that either contain nuts, or items that may contain nuts. Students have informed us the items had not been purchased by them but had been packed by parents. Please can we ask all parents to read the ingredients in anything you may want to put into a packed lunch before doing so, and remove anything which states it contains or may contain nuts. Your support in this could save a life.

We do have Assemblies planned for the students this term where we will explain exactly what the effect is when a person has a nut allergy. Please can we ask for everyone's assistance in keeping the Academy site nut free and safe for all of our community.



Attendance Matters:

We're already into the first half of the Summer Term and what an eventful term it's going to be. Yr11's are attending every day in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE exams, Year 7 remain the best attended year group year to date (a very well done) and huge congratulations to EMPOWER house who are also leading the way- Mr Fox must be very proud! Of course, in true Noel- Baker style we will be celebrating your child's attendance as well as rewarding students who have significantly improved their attendance over the past term. We are also delighted that our attendance is above National Average compared to other state funded secondary schools across the country however, we still need our attendance to be higher. We strive for students to attend 100%. We urge you to still send your child into school if they are feeling a little under the weather and with the warmer weeks coming (we hope) your child will not have any reason to be off school. When they are too ill to arrive, you must call the attendance line to discuss the reasons for absence with the Education Welfare Officers (Miss Heath for Lead/ Empower students and Miss Mills for Achieve/ Drive). Only then will we know that your child is safe and well. Please support us to improve the attendance of your child so they can access the quality knowledge-rich education and quality pastoral support, which they are entitled to.
#AttendanceReallyDoesMatter

Quality of Education:

Just a reminder that next Thursday 4th May is Year 10 Parents' Evening from 4pm - 7pm at Noel-Baker Academy. We are really excited to welcome you in to meet your child's teachers and have those conversations to ensure your child makes the most out of year 10 and 11.

Please book your appointment through School Cloud: <https://noelbaker.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Any problems please email:

dataexams@noelbakeracademy.co.uk

We're really looking forward to seeing you there.



Facilities Management:

Lunch Accounts

Please check that your child's lunch account is in credit if they would like to buy food from the canteen if you do not benefit from Free School Meals. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: Congratulations 11O for having the best attendance

Star of the fortnight: M H for receiving the most reward points

EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: Well done 7E for having the best attendance

Star of the fortnight: K F-G for receiving the most reward points in Empower

ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: Well done to 10L for the highest attendance last week

Star of the fortnight: Well done to B B-W for the highest positive points in year 11

DRIVE:

Form of the fortnight: Well done to 8J for the highest attendance last week

Star of the fortnight: Well done to H M-C for the highest positive points in year 10 last week

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead:

Week commencing 1st May: Drive - 'Never give up on a dream, just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway' Earl Nightingale - Author

Week commencing 8th May: Achieve - 'Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve' Mary Kay Ash - Business Person.

Safeguarding:

Cycling to school

NBA recognises the benefit of cycling to school on students health and wellbeing and ask that they do this safely please. Students must wear a helmet when cycling, at all times. Bike sheds are monitored with sanctions in place for those that are cycling either without a helmet or dangerously. If students are persistently demonstrating that they are unsafe, their bike will be locked in the bike shed until collected by a parent/carer. Please ensure your child understands how to cycle safely. Please note that bikes must not be ridden on the Academy site. All cyclists must dismount at the front gates and walk their bikes to the bike sheds but ensuring their helmets are visible to staff. When leaving site helmets must be worn as soon as their bike is collected, they should then walk their bikes to the gates and off site before attempting to ride home safely. This is due to the volume of students both entering site in the morning and leaving site in the afternoon.



Behaviour and Uniform:

The role of our Academy goes beyond simply preventing poor behaviour and maintaining good order to systematically promoting positive relationships and good manners. We expect that all of our students demonstrate consistently exceptional attitudes to learning, exemplary conduct both in and outside the Academy and a love for learning.

This work involves a clear partnership between Parents/Carers, students and the Academy in helping our young people become active global citizens, able to make a full contribution to society and so live a happy and successful life.

Hairstyles and headwear

Please take note of the following that has been taken directly from our behaviour policy.

Shaved emblems or lines, unnatural colour dyes are not allowed

If you are unsure whether a hairstyle meets our uniform guide, please contact Mrs Chrissie Sargent, Assistant Head teacher for guidance before any treatment.

Headscarves / turbans can be worn for students of religious cultures - Black, White, Burgundy, Navy Blue or Brown can be worn. Bright colours are not acceptable other than times linked to religious festivals.

Durags must not be worn in school at any time and students will be asked to remove them

Additions to the uniform policy

Students are now able to wear the following items as a part of our uniform:



Kameez - Plain black knee length dress. Must be worn with school blazer. School jumper can be worn as an addition.

Shalwar - Plain black narrow tapered trousers or school trousers.



Abaya/Jilbab - Plain 'A line' or straight design in black with no embellishments. Must be worn with school blazer. School jumper can be worn as an addition.

NBA Hoodies

From Monday 5th June, due to milder weather, NBA hoodies will no longer be able to be worn as part of the Academy uniform. Students must wear blazers at all times (unless in hot temperatures, with staff permission). In the event that students are cold, the additional school jumper must be removed in the first instance, with the blazer continuing to be worn. NBA hoodies can continue to be worn on PE days only as part of the PE kit. Please be aware that students will be asked to remove NBA hoodies for indoor PE lessons.

Behaviour and Uniform:

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C2's - Persistent refusal to follow instructions, absconding.

A C2 is issued when a student has not made the right choice and has not rectified their behaviour following a C1.

If issued a C2, the student must remain in their lesson and wait for a member of the on-call team to collect them.

The student must follow instructions and enter the behaviour room in a calm and orderly manner.

Students must remain in the behaviour room at all times, unless instructed otherwise.

Students will be escorted to their detention, where they must remain until 4pm.

It is imperative that all students follow these instructions to ensure that they can be kept safe in the academy. Any refusal is

If a student does not follow these instructions or absconds at any point, they will automatically receive a further day in isolation the following day.

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

For our year 11 students, exams are fast approaching. The Easter holidays will have offered plenty of opportunity to prepare for these, whether through face-to-face intervention sessions in school or at-home revision. Whilst this continued preparation is imperative, it is also important to make sure we are looking after our wellbeing. 61% of teens say they feel stress and pressure to get good grades and so here are a few tips from Young Minds to ensure exam preparation is as effective (and as stress free) as it can be;

Try breaking it up into chunks and creating a daily timetable so you know what you want to study when. This can make revision feel less overwhelming and much more manageable.

Be realistic about what you can achieve in a day. An unrealistic revision plan won't help you and will put you under unnecessary stress.

Make sure you take regular breaks from studying. Your brain cannot concentrate for hours at a time.

Not everyone studies the same way. Some people prefer to read, others find it helpful to make notes or draw diagrams, while others prefer to talk things through. Do what works for you



Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Focus on you and don't compare yourself to others

It can be really stressful when you think everyone is doing better than you, spending more time on revision than you, or just not stressing out as much as you. But we're all different and that's ok. Remember, your friends don't have their results guaranteed – life is unpredictable – and they might well be feeling just as worried as you are.

More advice can be found at the Young Minds website, using the link below;

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>

Food Action - Free breakfast!

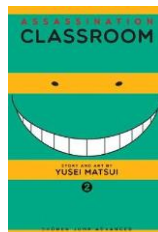
Please remember your child can access our bagel bar in a morning, free of charge. This breakfast is grab-and-go and runs from 8.10-8.25 in the canteen.

Our School Library



Since January the students have taken out 600 books from the library. Amazing!

In April, the most popular books were:



Year 8 read 34 and Year 7 read 13 books.

Missing Library Books

We seem to have lost some of our library books.

Do you have any at home? Have you finished reading them?

If so, could you please put them in the library returns box. Thank you.



Remember all students can browse the books available to borrow via the Online Library on the **NBA Website**. If they have a library card they can also reserve, renew and give reviews on the book they have read. **(Students/NBA Online Library/click on WEBSITE link. Students need to enter their ID number and password or browse as a guest).**

See the dashboard link for information on **Careers, Derby College, Apprenticeships and a link about Bursary funds.**